

Gov. Hatfield Wants People to Vote On SB 32 to Reduce Tax on Trucks; Senate Recalls Bill to Prevent Veto

By Rep. Emil A. Stunz

The Oregon legislature with its tentative closing date set at about two weeks from now is working so fast that it looks like we just might be through by about May 1.

House Bill 1647, the migrant labor bill, has passed the senate. There was a slight amendment made in the Senate Agriculture committee so the bill will have to be okeed again in the house before going to the governor. The emergency clause was attached to this bill so as soon as the governor signs it, it will become a law.

Senate Bill 32, the heavy truck tax bill which passed both houses and was sent to the governor for his signature, has been recalled by the senate to prevent his veto of the bill. This is the bill that would cut the weight mile tax of trucks with a combined weight of over 44,000 pounds some \$1 million per year.

The governor wants the legislature to attach a referral clause to the bill and let the people vote on it at the next general election. This would make the law inoperative until that time. If the legislature sent the bill back to the governor and he vetoed it, it would require a two-thirds vote of the house and senate to override his veto.

Or the bill could be amended to make the tax cut effective for two years and require the 1963 legislature to re-pass it to keep it on the books. The bill could also be amended to make the effective date of the tax cut after results of the Illinois road tests on wear by various weight vehicles are released. It will be interesting to see what the senate decides to do.

SB 334, the three-way Workman's Compensation bill, reached the House Labor and Industries committee March 23, where after many public hearings were held, it was tabled. This was after the State Accident commission members were called in to testify regarding the present rate structure and also if the commission was presently using up some of its surplus funds.

It was interesting to me to know that Weyerhaeuser Timber company and Georgia-Pacific Lumber company were both for the bill and International Paper company, which is another large timber outfit, was opposed to the bill. Through the grapevine I have learned that an attempt may be made to take this bill away from the committee. This would require 40 of the house votes or two-thirds of the house members.

The house has passed a bill which would give the State Tax commission power to step in and reappraise counties which had failed to keep up appraisals for tax purposes. This would be done at the expense of the counties involved.

The bill which would create a

three-man labor management relations board has passed both houses. This board would have the power to order an election to let workers decide which union, if any, they would want to represent them.

The Eastern Oregon Tax bill that would levy a severance tax on timber cut in Eastern Oregon has been okeed by the House Tax committee.

A bill that would let the state take hunting and fishing licenses from persons who cause malicious damage while hunting or fishing has passed both houses and is now in the hands of the governor.

House trailers sold in Oregon would have to be inspected under a bill passed in the senate and sent to the house.

A bill to provide for interlocutory divorce decree has passed the house. Under the present law a final decree is granted and then the parties involved are forbidden to remarry for six months. The new law would provide for an interlocutory decree after the hearing, to be followed by a final decree six months later. This would give the couple a six-month period in which they might decide to remarry each other.

The house has approved a salary increase for district judges of from \$9,000 to \$10,000 per year.

The governor has vetoed the bill that would have prohibited the moving of the State Public Welfare commission from Portland to Salem.

HB 1089, the inflammable liquid bill, was defeated on the floor of the house Thursday.

The house killed the bill which would have increased the tax on jet airplane fuel from 1/2 cent to 1 cent per gallon.

There was no opposition in the house to the bill which would appropriate \$702,240 to distribute surplus food to the needy. Under this proposal the state would pay 70 percent of the food distribution costs and the county the remaining 30 percent. Distribution would be voluntary as far as counties are concerned.

An estimated 118,000 people could, at present, have access to surplus corn meal, rice, flour, oat meal, dry milk and butter, and in a few months beans, pork and gravy, peanut butter and dried eggs would be added to the list. To be eligible a single person must have an income of less than \$130 per month and a family of 10 less than \$383. Each eligible recipient would receive \$4.85 worth of food a month. About 30 of the 36 counties are expected to participate in this surplus food plan.

The farm commodity bill which requires that agricultural processors bargain with farm producer groups, has passed the house. The bill had been amended so that it now practically excludes Eastern Oregon. However, I did vote against the bill.

HB 1724, relating to hunting parties, was killed in committee. SB 285, the bill relating to expenditures and receipts of hospital districts, will be voted on in the house this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Saltee of Nyssa visited us Wednesday and Thursday, and on Friday Joe Hobson of Ontario and Wiley Clowers of Madras, formerly of Nyssa, paid us a call.

Mr. and Mrs. German Ellsworth of Salt Lake City were Saturday afternoon and evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skeen. They were enroute to Honolulu on vacation.

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Feed Grain Act Decisions Face Oregon Farmers

Oregon farmers should look at all the facts before they make up their minds whether to take part in the new emergency feed grain program, believes Jens Terjeson of Pendleton, member of Oregon State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee.

Corn growers in the state have now received their notice of corn base and payment rates, Terjeson said. If they haven't already done so, they should contact their county ASC office soon to see how the feed grain program will affect them, he added.

"It is the objective of the state ASC committee that every farmer understand all of the details of the program in order that he might make his final decision based upon all the facts," Terjeson added.

County ASC offices are now ready to assist any farmer in preparing an intention-to-participate form, Terjeson reported. Farmers who haven't made up their minds should call at the county ASC office where the office manager can explain the new program in detail.

Any corn grower wishing assistance in determining just how he will be affected by the feed-grain program can get help from the county ASC office or from the county extension office.

Pupils Display War Relics



NYSSA JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS Karel Obenchain, Linda Lesberg, Jim Houston, John Glascock, Richard McEwen and their social studies instructor, Miss Marie Coate, display relics of World War II. The items, loaned by fathers of students and friends in the community, were recently shown and discussed in Miss Coate's homeroom. Guns, swords, costumes, coins of foreign countries, a Purple Heart and other interesting mementos were examined. The articles and circumstances by which they were acquired reminded students of hardships which were experienced on the battle fronts and other places during the war. Because of this the pupils learned to appreciate more the brave and loyal men who served their country by giving their best for it. Students also recalled the fact that many gave their lives that Americans might have a wonderful present-day country in which to live.

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Phonorama Visitors Will See Themselves On Television Screen

A fascinating telephone exhibit on wheels will be in Nyssa April 26. It will be on Main street between Second and Third streets and will be open to the public from 2 until 5 p.m.

Sponsored by Malheur Home Telephone company, Phonorama is a 42-foot trailer containing colorful displays of communication equipment and services. The displays trace the development of the telephone in America from its invention by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876 through today's miracles in communication.

Murrel E. Doan, manager of the local telephone office, said that many telephone users do not know that the telephone company has been carrying radio network programs over telephone lines since the early 1920's and today transmits the nation's television

Sgt. and Mrs. Dixon Martinez of Reno, Nev., arrived Friday to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corey. Mrs. Martinez is Mrs. Corey's daughter.

programs from coast to coast and border to border. Many oil and pipeline firms use telephone company facilities to control and measure the flow of their products through underground pipelines. Animated displays on these subjects and many others are included in Phonorama.

A television display is proving very popular, according to Doan. It includes a television camera and screen, and everyone going through Phonorama gets to see himself on television.

Included also is a demonstration of stereophonic sound, a development of Bell Laboratories.

Doan and other employees of the company will be on hand to greet friends during the shows. There is no charge, and everyone is invited.

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